(b) Loss suffered/profit made by the coal companies during the last 3 years were as under:

+=Profit
—=Loss

ofit made/Loss suffered

(*Rs. in cror es*)

Name of the Company	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Co l Ind ii Limi ed	(—)242.68	(—)78.03	(—)404.18
Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd.	(—)49.94	(—)6.03	(—)44.90

The accounts for the current year viz. 1986-8 are yet to 'be finalised.

(c) The investment (loan Equity) by Central Government as on 31. 1. 1987 in Coal India Limited, and Singare'ni Collieries Company Limited was Rs. 6377. 68 crores and Rs. 396. 16 crores respectively excluding repayment made during 1986-87.

Setting up of biogas plants

*78. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to set up biogas plants in rural areas in the country to overcome the energy crisis;

(b) if so, what are the precise plans and proposals in this regard; and

(c) what is the targets fixed for setting up of such plants during the year 1987-88 in each **state?**

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The National Project for Biogas Development which caters to family based biogas plants, is being continued during the Seventh Plan period. A plan target of 5. 5 lakh plants is envisaged with a Plan outlay of Rs. 177. 00 crores. The project provides for technical backup, training support, organisation of field demonstrations on the utility of biogas manure, promotion of biogas plants linked with sanitary latrines, promotion of new models for demonstration purpose, Central subsidy, turn-key job fee, promotional cash incentives, repair and maintenance, service charges, etc. Under a separate programme, setting up of community and institutional plants is also being promoted.

(c) A target of setting up of 1. 22 lakh biogas plants has been proposed for 1987-88 under the National Project for Biogas Development. The State-wise targets are being decided in consultation with the State Governments and programme implementing agencies. Under a separate programme, 90 institutional and community biogas plants have been proposed for 1987-88; the sites for installation of such plants are selected on the basis of feasibility reports prepared by the State nodal agencies/proposing agencies.

Setting up of gas turbines by DESU

*79. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn *to* the news-item which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* of the 8th January, 1987 to the effect that a plan to set up gas turbines was given up by the DESU in 1976, on expert advice, but now again small size turbines of 30 MW each, have been set up with French collaboration; •

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) what will be the cost on generation per unit at gas turbines run on imported fuel as compared to usual thermal and hydro power costs;